



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Paratroopers, who made the first official military parachute jump into history on August 16, 1940, will celebrate their Annual All Florida Airborne Days; and

WHEREAS, the American Paratroopers are represented in each of our armed services: including the 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne Division, 11th Airborne Division, Ranger Divisions and the Green Berets; and

WHEREAS, the American Paratroopers represent our U.S. Special Forces: Navy Seals, Marine Naval Gunfire Control Team, Reconnaissance Units and an Air Force Combat Control Team who jump with the lead elements of other Airborne Forces to mark Drop zones, aircraft landing zones, and to control inbound aircraft to their drop and air land zones; and

WHEREAS, numerous American Paratroopers have distinguished themselves at national levels including General David Petraeus as well as former Secretary of State, General Colin Powell; and

WHEREAS, more than 3.5 million American Paratroopers have put their lives on the line jumping from aircraft in flight with nothing but a small piece of nylon above their heads, and once on the ground, fighting to defend the freedom and national interest of America and the free world for more than half a century; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12th to 18th, 2009 as: American Paratrooper Week In Sumter County, Florida

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 13th day of October 2009, Sumter County Florida.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY

Connie Webb
Deputy Clerk

Garry Breeden
Chairman